

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, September 13, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (19/19)

Representative Clemente made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2006, supported by Representative Schuitmaker. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 6456 before the Committee.

HB 6456 Nofs Communications; cable; regulation of competitive cable service providers; provide for.

Vice-Chair Proos assumed the Chair.

Representative Nofs discussed the key provisions of the bill with Committee members and answered questions.

Chair Nofs returned to chair the balance of the meeting.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 6456:

Sheila Smith, representing Michigan Citizens Action, in support
Dale Geminder, representing PEG Access/AccessVision, in opposition
Mark Monk, representing the Michigan Chapter of the Alliance for Community Media, in opposition
Thomas Cohen, representing Fiber to the Home Council, neutral on the bill

The following individuals submitted cards for HB 6456:

Karole White, representing the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, in support
Paul Fuglie, representing Verizon, in support
Tim Ransberger, representing Charter Communications, in opposition
David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, in opposition
Diane Katz, representing the Mackinac Center, neutral on the bill
Ron Orlando and Mike Brady, representing Comcast, in opposition

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Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League, in opposition
John Pestle, representing the Michigan Municipal League, in opposition

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:38 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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